

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

I-165-001

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need AS PLANNED NOW, IN NORTHEAST ROCHESTER, IF THE B120 LINE IS USED, THIS WOULD PLACE A 61KV, 164KV, AND 345KV LINE ALL WITHIN A 1/2 MILE OF EACH OTHER. WHY NOT USE OR UPGRADE THE EXISTING 69KV OR 161KV LINES? AGAIN WHY NOT USE EXISTING ROUTES?
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings) THE B120 ROUTE OPTION IS PLANNED TO RUN DIRECTLY OVER THE TOP OF OUR HOME
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety — AS ABOVE, MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE LIVING RIGHT UNDERNEATH THE "B120" LINE
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-165-002

PLEASE USE EXISTING ROUTES.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-165-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-165-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-165-001.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

NORTHEAST ROCHESTER, UNDERNEATH PLANNED B120 LINE

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-165-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed for the project to be implemented?

NO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERY EFFORT IS NOT BEING MADE TO USE EXISTING ROUTES AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: DAVID LOWE

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 6007 65TH STREET NE

City: ROCHESTER State: MN Zip Code: 55906

Daytime Phone (Optional): (507) 259-2925

Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-165-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-165-001.